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REPRESENTING COUNTIES ALONG THE SAN JOAQUIN RAIL CORRIDOR

#### AGENDA

# Thursday, January 26, 2012 San Joaquin Valley Rail Committee (SJVRC) Meeting Meeting – 10:45 am to 12:40 pm

# **Castle Airport Conference Center**

1900 Airdrome Entry Atwater, CA 95301

# TRAIN SCHEDULE/ CONNECTIONS

# Amtrak trains 701 and 712 will make a special flag stop at Castle Airport. NO SHUTTLES WILL BE REQUIRED.

Train 701 from Bakersfield

Arrives approximately 10:10 AM
Train 712 from the Bay Area (and Sacramento)

Arrives approximately 10:25 AM
Train 713 to the Bay Area (and Sacramento)

Departs approximately 1:10 PM
Train 714 (Southbound)

Departs approximately 12:45 PM

#### **Item 1 - Call to Order and Announcements** (10:45 AM – 10:55 AM)

A. Call to Order Supervisor John Pedrozo, Chair

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Welcoming Remarks Supervisor John Pedrozo, Chairman

D. Roll Call Art Lloyd, Facilitator

E. Introductions

#### Item 2 - Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items Only (10:55 AM to 11:05 AM)

Please complete a speaker request card. Speakers may address specific agenda items at time of presentation.

# **Item 3 - Action Items** (11:05 AM to 11:20AM)

- A. Approve minutes from September 29, 2011 meeting
- B. Consider adoption of resolution promoting rail safety and passenger rail ridership
- C. Consider adoption of resolution supporting "Gap Closure"
- D. Invite nominations for 2012 2014 Chair and Vice-Chair

# Item 4 – Guest Speaker(s) (11:20AM to 11:30 AM)

A. Operation Life Saver

To Be Announced, Union Pacific

B. Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System (YARTS)

Dick Whittington, YARTS Transit Manager
Merced County Association of Governments

# BRIEF BREAK (WORKING LUNCH PROVIDED)

**Item 5 – Reports** (11:30 AM to 12:30 PM) To the extent possible, reports usually presented at this time will be distributed to members at the meeting and either before or at the time report is provided to Committee

A. Gap Technical Advisory Committee (Gap TAC) Report
Bakersfield to Los Angeles
Angelo Lamas, County of Merced/
Matt Machado, County of Stanislaus

B. Amtrak California/ Train Operations Mike Edwards/ Greg Santos, Amtrak

C. Amtrak Government Affairs/ Federal Updates Pat Merrill, Amtrak/ Rob Eaton, Amtrak

Alex Khalfin

D. Amtrak Operations
 F. California Department of Transportation/ State Update
 G. BNSF Railway Company Updates
 H. Amtrak Thruway Bus Operation/ January 2012 Schedule Change
 Rick Peterson, Amtrak

# Item 6 – Member Comments and Suggestions for Future Agenda Items (12:30 PM to 12:40 PM)

Announcements

A. Remarks by the Chair Supervisor John Pedrozo, Chairman

Item 7 – Adjournment (12:40 PM)

#### **UPCOMING QUARTERLY MEETINGS AND LOCATIONS:**

\*Thursday, April 26, 2012 - Fresno

\*Thursday, August 30, 2012 – Bakersfield

\*Thursday, November 29, 2012 - TBD

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#### Reasonable Accommodations:

Any individual with a disability who requires reasonable accommodation to attend or participate may request assistance by contacting the Caltrans at (916) 654-7190.

PLEASE NOTE: TIMEFRAME IS APPROXIMATE AND MAY BE ADJUSTED

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